been made from the special deposit account, and the Secretary of the Treasury, as directed by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, shall reimburse from the special deposit account the appropriations of the Veterans' Administration, or cover into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, the amounts so certified: *Provided further*, That no payments shall be made to German or Japanese citizens or subjects residing in Germany or Japan.

Approved August 7, 1946.

Reimbursement.

German or Japanese citizens.

[CHAPTER 778]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Susquehanna River at a point between the Borough of Plymouth, in Plymouth Township, and Hanover Township, in the county of Luzerne, and in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

August 7, 1946 [H. R. 5537] [Public Law 623]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge, and approaches thereto, across the Susquehanna River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, between the Borough of Plymouth, in Plymouth Township and Hanover Township, in the county of Luzerne, and in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906.

Bridge. Susquehanna River.

Sec. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved August 7, 1946.

34 Stat. 84. 33 U. S. C. §§ 491-498.

[CHAPTER 779]

AN ACT

For the retirement of public-school teachers in the District of Columbia.

August 7, 1946 [H. R. 5756] [Public Law 624]

Retirement of public-school teachers, D. C. Deductions.

Filing of certificates.

Interest-bearing accounts.

D. C. Code §§ 31-701 to 31-710, 31-712 to 31-720.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That beginning as the 1st day of the September following the effective date of this Act, there shall be deducted and withheld from the annual salary of every teacher in the public schools of the District of Columbia an annual amount computed to the nearest tenth of a dollar equal to 5 per centum of the teacher's annual salary. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall cause to be filed with the Board of Education on September 10 of each year a certificate showing the amount of deduction to be made from the salary of each teacher during the year, said deduction to be made in equal amounts, one to be deducted for each school month. A similar certificate shall be filed not later than the 15th day of each calendar month to cover cases of new entrants. No deduction shall be made from less than an entire month's salary. The amounts deducted and withheld from the annual salary of each teacher, including amounts so deducted and withheld prior to the effective date of this Act under the Act entitled "An Act for the retirement of public-school teachers in the District of Columbia", approved January 15, 1920 (41 Stat. 387), as amended, shall be credited to an individual account of the teacher from whose salary the deduction is made, together with interest at 4 per centum per annum, compounded annually up to the effective date of this Act and thereafter at 3 per centum per annum,